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Title: Need to open the proposed international market at Sonahat in Dhubri district, Assam.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): In 2001, the Government of India and Bangladesh had signed a treaty to the effect that Sonahat, in Dhubri district of Assam on the international border with Bangladesh, would be an international market. Bangladesh would import coal, boulder etc from Assam. But it has not materialized during last six years.

Since 2004, the people of Dhubri district specially of Golakganj L.A.C under the banner of international market committee has been demanding to open it immediately. The people of Sonahat area have consented to give 10 acres of land as required for it. After opening of the market thousands of poor and unemployed would get their means of livelihood.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to open the market at the earliest.